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SUBJ: VISIT OF CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITED BAGHDAD MARCH 23
FOR MEETINGS WITH REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL
VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN AND FOREIGN MINISTER
HAMMADI. MEETING WITH HAMMADI WAS FULL DRESS AFFAIR
WHICH INCLUDED FOREIGN MINISTRY SPECIALISTS ON
MULTILATERAL AND THIRD WORLD CONCERNS. HAMMADI ANNOUNCED
THAT TALKS COVERED PREPARATION FOR MEETINGS OF NONALIGNED MOVEMENT AS WELL AS BILATERAL CONCERNS.

2. ALTHOUGH IRAQI MEDIA HAVE IGNORED OTHER ASPECTS OF CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S ITINERARY, SUCH AS TRIP TO ADDIS, DEVELOPMENTS IN HORN WERE CLEARLY A MAJOR CONCERN. HAMMADI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CUBAN VISITOR "REVIEWED UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO REALIZE PEACE TALKS AMONG RIVAL PARTIES THERE."

3. ON BILATERAL SIDE, IRAQ AGREED TO SEND A HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO CUBA HEADED BY VICE PRESIDENT MAAROUF TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS. NO DATE WAS ANNOUNCED.

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